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Koothali Estate

* 795 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any arrests have been made in connection with "Koothali Estate Agitation" in North Malabar?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, 88 persons were arrested till 21st December 1954."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The House would like to know whether the Special Officer appointed to conduct the enquiry has submitted his report and whether the Government have taken any decision on it? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think the hon. Member, Dr. Menon, knows about it. The report has been submitted and a decision has been taken by the Government and orders will issue perhaps to-day."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know what is this 'Koothali Estate Agitation' for? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That has a long history. I cannot mention it now in the form of an answer to a supplementary question."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் டாக்டர் மேனனுக்கு தெரியப்படுத்துகிறேன் என்று சொன்னார். டாக்டர் மேனனுக்கு மட்டும் தெரிந்தால் போதுமா? மற்ற எல்லா அங்கத்தினர்களும் அதைத் தெரிந்துகொள்ள வேண்டாமா? சர்க்கார் என்ன ரிப்போர்ட்டை சமர்ப்பித்தார்கள், என்ன உத்தரவு பிறப்பிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதையும் சொல்லுவார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I know there is a competition between the Communist Party and the Praja Socialist Party in this matter, as to who should take the credit for it. But the Government are not concerned with it. They are concerned with the poor peasants and they are passing orders which would do justice to those peasants."

Starting of Tuberculosis Sanatoria

* 796 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Tuberculosis Sanatoria proposed to be started in the current year in the districts and the estimated cost thereof;

(*b*) the number of proposals rejected by the Government to start Tuberculosis Sanatoria in the districts and the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) the number of sites inspected in the State by the Superintendent of Tambaram Sanatorium for the construction of Tuberculosis Sanatoria?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The number of Tuberculosis Sanatoria proposed to be started in the districts is five and their total estimated cost is Rs. 26,53,000.

" (b) Nil.

" (c) Four."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know the minimum cost required to start a Tuberculosis Sanatorium and what are the suitable site and climatic condition required to start it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The approved designs were costing Rs. 4,00,000 for a 50-bed sanatorium. Now the Madras Tuberculosis Association Sub-Committee have prepared a cheaper design and we can have a sanatorium of 60 beds at a cost of Rs. 1,00,000. As regards the site, a sanatorium can be started in any place. The Committee has stated that it would be better to establish it in close proximity to towns and cities because it will have the advantage of getting the necessary aid and apparatus from district headquarters hospitals."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" May I know the names of the sites inspected by the Superintendent of the Tambaram Sanatorium? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Pudukottai, Tirunelveli, Sevur and Periyaram."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" In cities like Calcutta and Bombay, Tuberculosis Sanatoria are run by private bodies. Are there any Tuberculosis Sanatoria run by private bodies in the City of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. There is the Government Sanatorium at Tambaram. The Corporation are running clinics and a hospital for tuberculosis patients."

N.E.S. Blocks

* 797 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of National Extension Blocks suggested by the Government to the Central Government during the year 1954;

(b) the number of blocks under trial and the number of blocks to be opened in the current year;

(c) the number of villages covered by each such block; and

(d) the amount of grant and the number of blocks actually sanctioned by the Union Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No suggestion was made by this Government.

" (b) Twenty-eight blocks were allotted during 1953–54. The scheme was launched in 20 additional blocks during the current financial year.